



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 218

LCO No. 1189

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT CONCERNING POLLING PLACES FOR PRIMARIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [In] (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this
4 section, in each municipality or voting district, the polling places for
5 [primaries] a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450, inclusive,
6 shall be the same as those used for the election to be held. When
7 unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the
8 primary of either of two parties, both parties shall hold their primaries
9 in the same room of each such polling place. On the day of the
10 primary, the polls shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m.
11 until eight o'clock p.m.

12 (b) In each municipality having a population of twenty thousand or
13 less persons or in any voting district of each such municipality, the
14 polling place or places for a primary held under sections 9-382 to 9-450,
15 inclusive, shall be designated by the registrars of voters of such

16 municipality, not later than sixty days prior to the primary. Not earlier
 17 than sixty days prior to the primary, but not later than forty-five days
 18 prior to such primary, the registrars of voters shall notify the Secretary
 19 of the State and the candidates seeking nomination to an office in such
 20 primary of the change in the polling place or places. If such a
 21 candidate objects to a change in the polling place or places, the
 22 candidate shall notify, in writing, said secretary of such objection not
 23 later than four o'clock p.m. on the thirtieth day prior to the primary.
 24 Said secretary shall promptly notify such registrars of voters of such
 25 objection. If a municipality's registrars of voters cannot agree upon a
 26 polling place or places for a primary, or if such a candidate objects, the
 27 polling place or places shall be the same as those used for the election
 28 to be held. Not later than twenty-one days prior to a primary, the
 29 registrars of voters shall send notification of the polling place for the
 30 primary, by mail, to each elector whose polling place for the primary
 31 will be different than the elector's polling place for the election. When
 32 unaffiliated electors are authorized under section 9-431 to vote in the
 33 primary of either of two parties, both parties shall hold their primaries
 34 in the same room of each such polling place. On the day of the
 35 primary, the polls shall remain open for voting from six o'clock a.m.
 36 until eight o'clock p.m. Notwithstanding any provision of the general
 37 statutes, any special act, charter or ordinance, if the number of polling
 38 places are reduced pursuant to the provisions of this section, the
 39 number of moderators required for such primary may be reduced, if
 40 the registrars of voters so agree, provided at least one certified
 41 moderator serves each polling place.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	9-438
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Statement of Purpose:

To permit small towns to reduce the number of polling places for primaries.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]